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The Snake Genera Conopsis and Toluca

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ABSTRACT: A review of the genera Conopsis and Toluca, shows the following recognizable forms: Conopsis nasus Günther and Conopsis biscrialis sp. nov. (type locality 10 miles W. Villa Victoria, México). Toluca megalodon sp. nov., Cerro San Felipe, Oaxaca, Toluca conica sp. nov., San Juan Guivini, Oaxaca, Toluca lineata lineata Kennicott, Toluca lineata varians (Jan), Toluca lineata acuta (Cope). All forms are figured.

THE group of small snakes that has been variously referred to the genera or subgenera Conopsis Günther, Pseudoficimia Bocourt, Toluca Kennicott, Oxyrhina Jan, Achirhina Jan, Exorhina Jan, Epirhina Jan, Ogmius Cope (and by some authors placed in the recognized genera Contia, Ficimia and Chionactis), has not been represented heretofore by specimens in sufficient numbers or from a sufficient number of localities to evaluate properly the status of the generic or specific names that have been assigned. Even at the moment, although more than 800 specimens are before us,* some of the species are represented by adequate series while others are represented by far too few specimens to be able to make unequivocal assignments. Moreover, certain of our conclusions must perforce be of a tentative nature, pending examination of the types now in European museums.

The following generic or subgeneric names have been proposed:

1858 Conopsis Günther. Cat. Col. Snakes, p. 6. Type, Conopsis nasus.

1859 Toluca Kennicott, In Baird, U. S. and Mexican Bound. Surv., H. Rept., p. 23. Type, Toluca lineata.

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